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SUBJECT: HOSPITAL AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS STRIKE: AN UPDATE

REFS: (A) MANAGUA 3781, (B) MANAGUA 3802, (C) MANAGUA 3855

- 1. AS OF 19 AUGUST, THE HOSPITAL WORKERS STRIKE WAS IN ITS 29TH DAY AND THE SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION WORKERS STRIKE IN ITS SIXTH. THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS STRIKE APPEARS TO BE CONFINED TO MANAGUA.
- 2. THE HOSPITAL STRIKE APPEARS NO CLOSER TO RESOLUTION, WITH STRIKERS DEMANDING 55PERCENT WAGE INCREASES AND THE AUTHORITIS OFFERING 16 PERCENT. THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION CLAIMS A TOTAL OF 5065 WORKERS ON STRIKE AS OF 18 AUGUST, WITH 41 CONSTRUCTION SITES IDLED AS A RESULT.
- 3. COMMENT: THE CONSTRUCTION WORKER'S STRIKE APPEARS TO BE NEARING COMPLETE SUCCESS. OTHER UNIONS HAVE ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, BUT HAVE NOT YET THREATENED STRIKE ACTION. THE HOSPITAL WORKERS HAVE NOT YET IMPLEMENTED THEIR THREATENED CUTOFF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. SHOULD THE RUMORED GENERAL STRIKE BECOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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